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We are pleased to publish, says the New York Evening Post, the following characteristic letter from General Jackson. Nothing less frank, less manly or less magnanimous could have been expected from the venerable occupant of the Hermitage. Mr. Tyler has reason to be proud of the generous but discriminating approbation of the honest and fearless patriot, whose opinion, in all questions in which true dignity and honor are conceived, is worth more than all the Clays, Websters, Tallmadges & Bells that the world has produced:

HERMITAGE, SEPTEMBER 11, 1841.

Sir —Your letter of the 28th ult., with its enclosure, the resolutions of the Democratic Republican Mass Convention, held in the 9th Ward of the City of New York, on the 24th of the same month, have been duly received, and are acknowledged with sentiments of profound gratitude for the honor they confer upon me.

The state of my health, which is now much disordered by an attack of fever, does not allow me to express at length the reflections excited in my mind by the patriotic views embodied in the resolutions. I cannot refrain, however, from saying, that they meet generally my concurrence—and particularly that which gives praise to Mr. Tyler for his veto of the Bank Bill. If he but maintains the position he has assumed against this great lever of Federalism, this deadly foe to the principles of our government, the designs of that party, in other respects, will be less difficult to counteract; for the ship of state, relieved of the corrupt influence of a Bank of the United States at its helm, will naturally right itself.

It is true, a great error was committed in the repeal of the Sub-Treasury, but this may be remedied while there is no Bank substituted in its stead. The people are not so much for forms—they go for substances—for practical measures; measures that will ensure economy and accountability in the administration of government; that will make the taxes as light as is consistent with the public safety; that will secure the application of the public moneys, at all times and in all places, to constitutional objects. These are the things which it would be the office of a Bank to thwart: and they are the things which it would be the tendency of the Sub-Treasury to promote; and hence, I believe that that system, or something like it, cannot be long dispensed with.

Doubtless, the President believes that the Sub-treasury has been condemned by the people, and so believing, he ought not to be censured for giving his sanction to its repeal. But the independence he has manifested in the veto, authorises us to hope that he will deal fairly and candidly with the whole subject hereafter, and that he will conform his policy to the principles of the Virginia school of Republicans.

You are pleased to refer, in terms of much commendation, to the course pursued by me on the subject of the former Bank Charter. I acted, at the time, under a high sense of my duty, and derived much satisfaction from the many evidences I have received, even from many who then censured me, of the approbation of my country. But, Sir, I considered my labors as but the commencement of the work of reform, in regard to the Banking System. Much higher praise is due to Mr. Van Buren, against whom the whole force of the spirit of monopoly was brought to bear. It has driven that distinguished statesman and unpretending patriot into retirement; but has rendered him dearer than ever to his country, because of the noble sacrifice he has made to the cause of equal rights.

My strength failing me, I cannot follow out these reflections. Every effort to write admonishes me that my life is nearly spent. Let me conclude, therefore, this hasty and imperfect response to your letter, with an assurance to my Republican and Democratic friends, every where, that I am proud of their respect, and have an abiding faith in the success of their efforts to secure the blessings of freedom and equal rights to themselves and their posterity.

Very respectfully, your fellow-citizen, ANDREW JACKSON.